

## Sporting News

### Indians Return Tomorrow.

Captain Hardy and his Indians will return tomorrow from a very successful trip in Texas. Two of the three games with Weatherford were victories for Ardmore and so far the Ardmore team has the best of the series with Weatherford. The loss of Harris has apparently not weakened the team as Carl White has a clean record of victories.

The team will be idle Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday Weatherford will open another series here and a large crowd should be out to root for the Indians and show their appreciation of the team's work. Two games will be played on the Fourth (both morning and evening), also games on Friday and Saturday, a total of five games against Weatherford.

### Denton Athletics Next Week.

On July 8, 9 and 10, the fans will be given an opportunity of seeing the Denton Athletics in action. This team has beaten everything in North Texas and the games between the Athletics and Indians will be watched with interest. Following the three games here the two teams will go to Denton for a series of three games.

### New Second Baseman Arrives.

Pelkey, the new second baseman, has arrived and will be used Wednesday at second. Wilcox, who was taken on the Texas trip will likely be given his walking papers as he has proven too slow and erratic in his work.

### Double Play on Strikeout.

Ere the memories of a certain Sunday game played recently fade from the minds of the portion of the fandom populace that witnessed it, there is a play, missed in the story of the game, which should be brought to the attention of baseball devotees.

Did you ever see a catcher make a double play unassisted on a strikeout? Of course you didn't and you would probably declare the play was impossible, but it would never have happened in professional ball.

This was the amateur game played between two newspaper teams at Haines park last Sunday. Catcher

Tannin was the hero of the double play. Tannin was unaccustomed to working behind the mask and quite a few third strike shots away from him. This resulted in there being a man on each of the bases with nobody out.

The fourth man at bat struck out, and by the catcher dropping the ball it made a force out for the man running in from third. Instead of getting the runner from third by stopping upon the plate, Tannin ran down the line to meet him and caught him about half way and touched him. Then Tannin kept on running and met the man coming from second to third base and touched him out, completing his double play unassisted on a strikeout.

Some funny plays have been recorded, but if there is an amateur organization that can produce a funnier one than this we would like to hear from it—Fort Worth Record.

### John Harris Won Opener.

"Long John" Harris won his opening game for Ardmore Friday, defeating Stamford 13 to 2. It was the opening game of the season at Ardmore.

### Wichita Falls Opens Season.

Wichita Falls opened the season with a victory over Chickadee, 4 to 3. Cal Barthman, formerly with the Indians, is playing with Wichita Falls.

### Texas Players Making Good.

Like good wine, age seems to improve the ability of Jake Gettman, one of the most popular players who has ever performed in the Texas League. This sterling outfielder and runner is with Buffalo in the East Eastern League, and despite his many years of active baseball service, is playing a great game. In a recent contest with Rochester he secured four hits in five times up, including a double and a triple. He also stole two bases. Hunter Hill, the graceful fielding third baseman, whose playing delighted so many Texans when he was with Corsicana several years ago, has been switched to second base by the Montreal management and is playing that bag in brilliant form. Hill has evidently braced up since failing to make

good in fast company, when with Washington and St. Louis. Bill Abstein, the first baseman and good all around player with Houston three years ago, and later with Shreveport, is playing good ball for Providence's Eastern League team. George Blackburn, well known to Texas fans, assaulted a Cotton States League umpire while on a train en route with his Vicksburg team to another city on the circuit. "Smiling George" narrowly escaped suspension for his action. Pitcher Nelson, secured by Nashville from the Austin Club recently, is being very strongly by Bill Sorrell of Fort Worth, the premier twirler of the Tennessee club, and one of the best in the Southern League. Sorrell is quoted by a Nashville player as saying: "He's better than Karger or myself and I am willing to place a bet that he will be one of the stars of the Southern League before 1908." Catcher Spencer, of the St. Louis Browns, formerly with Waco, is under suspension by that club for dissipation. Only failure to keep strict training has kept him from taking equal rank with "Nig" Clark, another former Texan. Pitchers Dickson, Rodebaugh, Farris, Adams, Criss and Catcher Irwin are with St. Paul's talented team in the American Association.—San Antonio Express.

### The Fan's Reverie.

When I have finished up my shift upon this world below  
When they have borne me to my rest  
With music, sad and slow—  
When I have reached the Pearly Gates—  
Have climbed the Golden Stair,  
I wonder if I'll get a chance to see a ball game there?

I don't mean any Angel game where everybody's good—  
I want to see the two teams meet and fight it out for blood—  
And when the umpire hands us one that puts us on the blink—  
I want to rise up in the stands and tell him what I think.

I want to take my same old place on Routers' Row up there—  
And help the other fellows put this pitcher in the air—  
To holler "Slide, you lobster, slide," and at each dumb play, make some few remarks that I'm afraid might not exactly take.

Somehow I can't just figure out upon the coaching line  
An Angel yelling, "Keep 'em up—get in the game, you shine!"—  
And when the umpire calls a ball that

o'er the platter flies

A swarm of Angels after him with murder in their eyes.

I wonder if I'll get a chance as at each game I sit  
To whoop and cheer and wave my hat when some one makes a hit—  
To eat my peanuts, drink my pop and do about the same  
That I can do down here below while taking in a game?

I'd like to go to heaven and yet it brings me tears  
To think I'll never see a game through many million years—  
The six months rest from fall to spring seems awful long to me—  
So tell me how I could last through an eternity?

When I have been "called out" below—  
—my time "at bat" is done—  
When I "have slid across" the Styx—  
"have scored my final run"—  
If I but knew beyond the skies I still could be a "fan"—  
Sometimes I have a hunch that I would be a better man.

—Grantland Rice.

### Baseball Notes.

Williams, who pitched for Ardmore at the beginning of the season, but was turned adrift, is now with the Paris North Texas League team. He shut out Terrell Friday.

Warren Gill, who has been playing first for the Oklahoma City team, is to be given a trial in the box by that team, which is shy in that department. Touchstone, who couldn't make good at Fort Worth, pitched for Terrell.

It is announced that the Southern League officials want Mobile in next year's circuit and will make an effort to drop Shreveport and substitute Mobile. In that event the Cotton States League will give Shreveport Mobile's place in that organization.

Lewis Woods is to be given one more trial for a berth with the Oklahoma City team. He is to be sent to Watonga to pitch a Fourth of July game for an amateur team there and if he makes good, will get on again at Oklahoma City, otherwise there'll be nothing doing.

Umpire Bob McDonald of Alexandria, La., who has been umpiring in the Gulf Coast league, has been given a job with the Cotton States league and handled the indicator at Gulfport, Miss., yesterday for the first time.

The announcement is made that Oree, Glatheville's first baseman, will

sortly leave that team for Waco.

Haum and Sheffield continue to play good ball at Paris.

The first half of the North Texas League season ended yesterday, Corsicana winning the first half. The announcement is made that a reorganization will likely occur so as to make the four teams more evenly balanced.

The absence from the game on account of injury of Jackson, Gainesville's second baseman, is attributed as the cause for the slump of that team the past week. His return should put more ginger into the work of the Grays.

Williford pitched a no-hit game for Muskogee Thursday against Fort Smith.

More Kraft celebrated his return from Kansas City by landing Muskogee a winner over Fort Smith Friday by a score of 5 to 1. He was opposed by Porter, who pitched for Ardmore two years ago.

McCullon, Deacon White, Tony Anderson and Pickens of the South Meade team, which disbanded recently, are now with Fort Smith.

### WHOLESALE PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quotations Furnished by the Empire Produce Company.)

There has been a slight falling off in the wholesale produce market in the last few days except for spring chickens and ucks, which are slightly higher with a strong demand. The price of eggs shows a decrease of 7 cents owing to the hot weather but the demand is good. Turkeys are quoted at several cents lower, but these are holding up fairly well with a fair demand.

The following are the quotations: Fresh Eggs, per dozen ..... 11c  
Butter, average country ..... 15c  
Butter, Packing stock ..... 15c

### Live Poultry.

Spring Chickens, per doz ..... \$3.00  
Hens, per pound ..... 7½c  
Broilers, each ..... 10c  
Tom turkeys, per pound ..... 7½c  
Hen turkeys, per pound ..... 7½c  
Small turkeys, per pound ..... 5c  
Ducks, per pound ..... 8c  
Geese, per pound ..... 6c  
Cull poultry, half price.

### Hides.

Green, salt cured, per pound ..... 8½c  
Green per pound ..... 7½c  
Dry, per pound ..... 7 to 15c  
Blue per pound ..... 4c

### ODDITIES OF A DAY'S NEWS.

A wild steer in York caused a panic by running into a barber shop and taking possession, driving several half-shaved customers into the street.

A Minneapolis girl placed her name and address in a package of breakfast food, and John Lucas of Shepperton, Pa., who found it, has married her.

Ritter, a Dakota lodging house inmate of New York, fell from a third-story window, and when found some time later a kitten was nestling in his mangled arms.

Penniless and down with tuberculosis, George E. Spencer of Omaha wired to an uncle in Rutte whom he had never seen and was immediately given \$7,500.

For two years Mrs. Mary North and her two sons have occupied the upper part of a large chicken coop in Jersey City. They have been evicted by the owner.

While Frank Stinner of Kalamazoo,

Mich., was trimming a spruce tree was struck by lightning and he was found in the tree chattering like a monkey and clinging to the branches he may recover.

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